

entage, the point of strategy, the spot of victory or defeat. We appreciate the responsibility of our position and would speak to you like men whose blood flows in their words. The enemy is strongly entrenched in the capital. You are the generals of the army of invasion in grand council assembled. We hail from Waterloo and we fearlessly proclaim that Hill is the Blucher who can drive the republican chieftain to St. Helena in November.

PLATFORM ADOPTED.

A Tissue of Plantations—Unfulfilled Pledges Rehashed.

CHICAGO, June 22.—At 6:28 Mr. Jones asks Mr. Vilas of Wisconsin to read the platform. Mr. Vilas began reading Cleveland's name in the preamble was a signal for a great burst of cheering all over the hall.

Delegates and spectators were on their feet, waving everything within reach and cheering vociferously. The Cleveland banner is brought into the center aisle and the crowd went wild with enthusiasm.

The banner was brought up to the New York delegation, but they keep their seats.

The Cleveland delegates surround the banner and shout at the top of their voices. The band strikes up, "America," which added to the enthusiasm.

At 6:35 the Hoies banner was brought down the aisle, waved along side that of Cleveland, and enthusiastically cheered ten fold.

It was a repetition of the Blaine scene in Minneapolis.

Then the band played and the delegates sat perspiring, fanning themselves and waiting for the platform.

In the middle of the turmoil a delegate moved to adjourn to 11 o'clock tomorrow. There were cries of "No," and when the question was put and a decisive negative given a cheer went up.

The New York delegates, whose policy is now to take first ballot tonight, rose to their feet and cheered, waving their fans.

A Kansas delegate got the floor to present a resolution. Mr. Powers of Michigan was standing on a chair, supported by Don McKim and Tom Johnson, asking for recognition. He got it and announced that the committee on resolutions would be ready to report in 15 minutes.

The announcement was received with applause and the band played, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home."

The enthusiasm continued nineteen minutes, when order was restored. There were three cheers, and Mr. Vilas resumed his reading.

The platform starts out by eulogizing the democratic leaders from Madison to Cleveland. It is appended in full:

Numerous Demands.

Section 1. We believe the public welfare demands that these principles be applied to the conduct of the federal government, and we solemnly declare that the need of a return to these fundamental principles of free government, based on home rule and individual liberty, was never more urgent than now, when the tendency to centralize all power at the federal Capitol has become a menace to the rights of the states that strikes at the very basis of our government as framed by the fathers of the republic.

Revolution Rescued.

Section 2. We warn the people of our common country, jealous for the preservation of their free institutions, that the policy of the federal control of elections to which the republican party has committed itself is fraught with the gravest dangers, scarcely less momentous than would result from the establishment of a monarchy on the republic. It strikes at the north as well as the south, and injured the colored citizen even more than the white. It means the placing of deputy marshals at every polling place armed with federal power; returning board, appointed and controlled by federal authority; the outrage of the electoral rights of the people in the several states; the subjugation of the colored people to the control of the party in power and the reviving of race antagonisms now happily abated; of the utmost peril to the safety and happiness of all; a measure deliberately and justly described by a leading republican senator as "The most infamous thing that ever crossed the threshold of the senate." Such a policy, if sanctioned by law, would mean the domination of a self-perpetuating oligarchy of officeholders, and the party first entrusted with its machinery could be dislodged from power only by an appeal to the reserved right of the people to resist oppression which is inherent in all self-governing communities. Two years ago this revolutionary policy was emphatically condemned by the people at the polls, but in contempt of that verdict, the republican party has defiantly declared in its latest authoritative utterance that its success in the coming elections will mean the enactment of the Force bill and the usurpation of despotic control over the colored people in all the states. Believing that the preservation of republican government in the United States is dependent upon the defeat of this policy of legalized force and fraud, we invite the assistance of all citizens who desire to see the constitution maintained in its integrity with the laws pursuant thereto which have given our country a hundred years of unexampled prosperity and we pledge the democratic party, if it be entrusted with power, not only to the defeat of the above policy, but also to wage relentless opposition to the republican policy of profligate expenditure, which in the short space of two years has squandered an enormous surplus and emptied an overflowing treasury after pluing new burdens of taxation upon the already overtaxed labor of the country.

Doctrine Rehashed.

Section 3. We reiterate the oft repeated doctrine of the democratic party that the necessity of the government is only justification for taxation, and whenever a tax is levied upon the citizen it is unjustifiable; that when custom house taxation is levied upon articles of any kind produced in this country the difference between the cost of labor here and labor abroad, when such difference exists, fully measures any possible benefits to labor and the enormous additional impositions of the existing tariff fall with crushing force upon our farmers and workmen, and for the mere advantage of the few whom it enriches, exact from labor a grossly unjust share of the expenses of the government, and we demand such a revision of the tariff laws as will remedy this iniquitous practice and put in a constitutional and equal basis in making reduction in taxes it is proved to injure any domestic industry but rather to promote the healthy growth from the foundation of this government the taxes collected at the custom house have been the source of federal revenues. Such they must continue to be. Moreover, many measures have come to our attention for successful continuance, on that any change of law must be as every step regardless of the labor and capital thus involved. The process of reform must be subject in the execution of this plan to the dictates of justice.

Now. We denounce the McKinley tariff law enacted by the fifty-first congress as the consummation of class legislation. We endorse the efforts made by the democrats of the present congress to modify its most oppressive features. In the face of the fact that thirty years of restrictive taxation against importations of foreign products in exchange for our agricultural products. The homes and farms of the country have become burdened with real estate mortgages of over \$2,500,000,000, exclusive of all other forms of indebtedness; that in one of the chief agricultural states of the west there appears a real estate mortgage debt averaging \$166 per capita, and that similar conditions are shown to exist in other agricultural exporting states. We denounce a policy which fosters no industry so much as it does that of the sheriff.

Denounce Reciprocity.

Section 4. Trade interchange on the basis of reciprocal advantages to the countries participating in a time-honored doctrine of democratic faith, but we denounce the abuse of reciprocity which joggles with the people's desire for enlarged foreign markets and freer exchanges by pretending to establish trade relations for a country whose articles of export are almost exclusively agricultural while erecting a custom house barrier to the tariff taxes against the richest countries of the world that stand ready to take our entire surplus of products, and to exchange therefor commodities which are necessary and are comforts of life among our own people.

Supports Parochial Schools.

Section 5. We recognized in trusts and monopolies which are designated by capital to secure more than their just share of the joint product of capital and labor, a natural consequence of prohibitive taxes which prevent the free competition which is the life of honest trade, but we believe their worst evils can be abated by law, and we demand the rigid enforcement of laws made to prevent and control them, together with further legislation in restraint of their abuses as experience may show to be necessary.

Section 6. The republican party, while professing a policy of reserving the public lands for small holdings by actual settlers, has given away the people's heritage, until now a few railroads and non-resident aliens, individual and corporate, possess a larger area than that of all our farms between the two seas. The last democratic administration reversed the improvident and unwise policy of the republican party touching the public domain, and reclaimed from corporations and syndicates, alien and domestic, and restored to the people nearly 100,000,000 acres of valuable land, to be sacredly held as homesteads for our citizens, and we pledge ourselves to continue this policy until every acre of land so unlawfully held shall be reclaimed and restored to the people.

Section 7. We denounce the republican legislation, known as the "Sherman act of 1890," as a cowardly make shift, fraught with possibilities of danger in the future which should make all of its supporters as well as its author anxious for its speedy repeal. We hold to the use of both gold and silver as the standard money of the country and to the coinage of both gold and silver without discrimination against either metal of charge for minting, but the unit of coinage of both metals must be of equal intrinsic and exchangeable value or be adjusted by international agreement or by such safeguards of legislation as shall insure the maintenance of the parity of the two metals and the equal power of any dollar at all times in the market and in the payment of debts; and we demand that all paper currency shall be kept at par with and redeemable in such coin. We insist upon this policy as especially necessary for the protection of the farmer and laboring classes, the first and most defenseless victims of unstable money and a fluctuation of currency.

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